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In re application of: Shinsuke OKADA et al.

Application No. : 10/774,540

Group Art Unit: 3739

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Examiner: M. J. Kasztejna

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and Request for Withdrawal of Finality** in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of April 4, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 5, 2006 (July 4, 2006 being a Federal holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of both the finality and substance of the outstanding rejections and objection, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.